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X	1,12 at least	US 5684948 A	NATIONAL - See whole document. Note selection of exception handler based on operating mode of the processor.	
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A		WO 1999/038073 A1	NOKIA - See whole document especially Fig 6c & 8 and Page 31 Line 19-Page 32 Line 19. Note communication between two operating systems running on the same processor using interrupt routines.	
A	·	EP 1162536 A1	HITACHI - See whole document. Note switching of operating systems which share only the system clock and an interrupt controller.	
A		EP 1054322 A2	HITACHI - See whole document. Note switching of operating systems using interrupts.	
A,E		US 6604123 B1	LUCENT - See whole document. Note concept of portals between protection domains under a single operating system.	

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